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(MELENDEZ, ALVARO ALTONIGA)

SUBJECT: COUNTERFITERS

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1. LILLEY HAS NOT RETURNED TO EMBASSY TO FILE APPLICATION FOR NEW PASSPORT. BELIEVE HE HAS PRETTY GOOD IDEA THAT WE ARE ON LOOKOUT FOR HIM. INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT PREVIOUS ADDRESSES REPORTED BY HIM ARE EITHER NO LONGER BEING USED BY HIM OR WERE NEVER MORE THAN MAIL DROPS. FRIEND OF HIS PREGNANT FIANCÉE, HOWEVER, REPORTS THAT SHE AND "BOB" (PRESUMABLY LILLEY) ARE LIVING TOGETHER IN NEARBY PASAY CITY.

2. ANOTHER INFORMANT STATES SHE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN LILLEY AND MELENDEZ TOGETHER ON OCCASION. SAME INFORMANT COULD NOT IDENTIFY SANDS FROM PHOTO. WE HAVE NO INFO OF OUR OWN ON SANDS' PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT US ARMY CID INFORMED OSI ON 2/12/75 THAT, AS OF 1/30/75, SANDS WAS IN OKINAWA.

3. BELIEVE IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ANY ACTION AGAINST LILLEY, MELENDEZ, AND SANDS BY GOP. WE PREVIOUSLY DID BEST TO ENCOURAGE ARREST OF SANDS AND MELENDEZ WITH LITTLE OR NO RESULTS. MELENDEZ ARRESTED ONCE VERY BRIEFLY BUT SOON

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RELEASED. FROM THIS WE CONCLUDE THAT THIS GROUP HAS INFLUENTIAL

CONNECTIONS AND IS FAIRLY IMMUNE FROM SERIOUS HARASSMENT
IN PHILIPPINES.

4. LIKEWISE, WITHHOLDING OR LIMITING PASSPORTS OF AMCIT
MEMBERS OF GROUP (LILLEY, SANDS) IS NO THREAT TO THEM. THEY
AND THEIR FILIPINO SIDEKICK, MELENDEZ, HAVE REPEATEDLY SHOWN
THAT OBTAINING FALSE PASSPORTS IS EASY FOR THEM.

5. WITH NO US-PHILIPPINES EXTRADITION TREATY AND NO APPARENT
ENTHUSIASM ON PART OF GOP TO COOPERATE WITH USG IN STOPPING
ACTIVITIES OF THIS GROUP, BELIEVE ONLY STRATEGY THAT HOLDS
LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS IS TO WATCH AND WAIT FOR GANG MEMBERS
TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES AND TO ARREST THEM AWAY FROM THEIR
SANCTUARY.

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